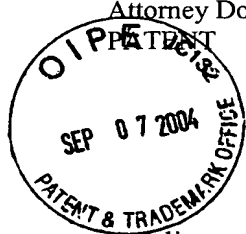


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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Petitioner, Applicant in the above-identified application, hereby requests that the response to the outstanding Office Action, submitted herewith be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The outstanding Office Action was issued May 4, 2004, the initial period for response expiring August 4, 2004.

As required, a check for the appropriate fee of \$110.00 (specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 for a first one-month extension of time) is submitted herewith. Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Account Number 10-0435 (5723-68359).

The requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of the accompanying document is respectfully requested.

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